

AGENDA: April 13, 2004

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CATEGORY: New Business

DEPT.: City Council

TITLE: Renaming of Police Services-Fire
Administration Building in Honor of
Robert K. Schatz

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a recommendation by the Council Procedures Committee to rename the City's Police Services-Fire Administration Building in memory of Robert K. Schatz.

FISCAL IMPACT

Changing the existing signage is preliminarily estimated to cost less than \$5,000. No additional appropriation is necessary for this expense.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The City Council received a request to name the City's Police Services-Fire Administration Building in memory of Robert K. Schatz. The request was submitted by Vivian M. Schatz, Mr. Schatz's widow (Attachment 1). In addition, more than 20 letters and e-mails have been received by the City regarding Mrs. Schatz's memorial naming request (Attachment 2).

As provided within Section 2a of City Council Policy K-17, Naming of City Parks and Other City Facilities, the Council Procedures Committee (Committee) has the responsibility to evaluate the merit of each memorial naming request received and provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the approval or denial of the request. City Council Policy K-17 also lists the criteria the Committee is required to use in evaluating each memorial naming request received (Attachment 3).

The Committee considered the memorial naming request at its March 22, 2004 meeting (minutes not yet available) and found the request consistent with the criteria in the policy. The Committee then voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council that the City's Police Services-Fire Administration Building be renamed in memory of Robert K. Schatz.

If approved, it is proposed that the building's name be "Robert K. Schatz Police Services-Fire Administration Building."

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CONCLUSION

The Committee recommends that the City Council approve the memorial naming request and direct staff to undertake the actions necessary to rename the City's Police Services-Fire Administration Building in memory of Robert K. Schatz. There are few among us who have dedicated their life to this City in so many ways as Mr. Schatz has over his 40-year career as Chief of Police and two terms as Mayor; therefore, it is only befitting that the Police Services-Fire Administration Building be named in his honor.

ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve the memorial naming request for the Police Services-Fire Administration Building.

PUBLIC NOTICING

In addition to distributing this report in accordance with the City's standard agenda posting requirements, a copy of the report was sent to Mrs. Schatz.

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Attachments: 1. Memorial Naming Request
2. Correspondence
3. City Council Policy K-17